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## **COUNTY LIBRARIES HOST “INSIDE ANNE FRANK’S HOUSE” INSTALLATION** *Young Holocaust Victim Known from her Diary; Reproduction of Pre Death Camp Hiding Place Will Visit Alpine, El Cajon, Julian, Rancho San Diego, and Valley Center Libraries*

The story of Anne Frank, one of 6 million Jews murdered during the Third Reich through the systematic indoctrination of hate and the institutionalization of organized mass murder, is well known because her memorable diary survived the war and parts have been published widely. She is perhaps the most known victim of the Holocaust.

As part of the San Diego County Library’s women’s history programming, the Alpine, El Cajon, Julian, Rancho San Diego and Valley Center branches of the San Diego County Library will host an extraordinary traveling exhibit that focuses on Anne Frank’s diary and a life-size re-creation of the attic where she hid from the Nazis and neighbors collaborating with the Nazis during World War II.

Members of the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Jewish Libraries and staff of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center built the replica and exhibit for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Jewish Book Fair in Fall 2005. The Private Bank of Bank of America, Sempra Energy, and Dr. Andrew and Erna Viterbi provided funding for the exhibit. “Inside Anne Frank’s House” is now traveling to area schools and libraries.

Anne Frank was a German-Jewish teenager, who, along with her family and four others, spent 25 months in hiding during World War II in an annex of rooms above her father’s office in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. As news of the vast scope of the Nazi hate-driven death machine reaches her, Anne sometimes gives up hope of surviving, but her diary also includes examples of human persistence and hope in the face of terrible unfolding events.

After being betrayed to the Nazis, Anne, her family, and the others living with them were arrested and deported to Nazi concentration camps. In March of 1945, nine months after she was arrested, Anne Frank died at Bergen-Belsen death camp at the age of fifteen.

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Frank's Holocaust diary was saved during the war by one of the family's helpers, Miep Gies. Parts of it were first published in 1947 and later translated into 67 languages. In recent years, parts that had not been included by the first editors, were made public. Her original writing, only recently made available outside the Netherlands, includes short stories, essays, fairy tales, as well as her edited diary. They reveal her talent and keen powers of observation and demonstrate that in hiding she developed a passionate ambition to become a writer. See:

<http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/af/htmlsite/>

Visitors who walk through the replica of the attic get a glimpse of what it was like for some of those in hiding. Hunted individuals like Anne, for the time being living within the shelter of four walls, tried to maintain lives that included hope, dreams, and creativity, as they passed their days and nights under constant threat of discovery and murder.

**The following is the schedule for the Anne Frank installation. Please call the libraries for reservations and tour arrangements.**

Valley Center Branch Library Community Room. 29200 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center. Thursday, February 23 – Tuesday, March 7. For reservations, phone: (760) 749-1305.

Alpine Library Friends Association Book Store – 1347 Tavern Road, Suite 14, Alpine. Tuesday, March 21- Friday, March 24, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. Please call (619) 722-1277 for reservations and tour arrangements.

El Cajon Branch Library, 201 E. Douglas, El Cajon - Monday, March 27-Sunday, April 9. Phone (619) 588-3718 for reservations and tour arrangements.

Julian Branch Library, 1850 Highway 78, Julian. - Tuesday, April 11 - Friday, April 21. Phone (760) 765-0370.

Rancho San Diego Branch Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, Tuesday, May 16 - Tuesday, May 30. Phone: (619) 660-5370.

*For more information about the exhibit, contact San Diego County Library Children's Librarian Barbara Sutton at (858) 694-2453.*

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